

Double Patenting

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejects Claims 2, 20, 25, 26, 31, 32 and 65-71 on the grounds of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-39 of US 6,975,298 in view of Bell (US 4,996,523). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

While Applicants traverse this rejection, in order to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicants are filing herewith a terminal disclaimer over the '298 patent and terminal disclaimer fee. Accordingly, this rejection has been overcome, and it is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and should be allowed.

If any further fee is due for this response or the terminal disclaimer, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1039.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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